

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claim 4 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1-3 and 5, and add new Claims 6-9 to read as follows.

1. (Currently amended) A printing apparatus for printing on a print medium with a print head, comprising:
 - a tray on which to ~~put~~ place the print medium;
 - a tray guide removably mounted to the printing apparatus to support ~~the~~ said tray so that ~~it~~ said tray can be fed;
 - a detecting means portion for detecting whether or not ~~the~~ said tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus; ~~and~~
 - a carriage that moves with the print head mounted thereon; and
 - control means for limiting movement of said carriage when said detecting portion detects that said tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus. controlling the printing apparatus;
 - ~~wherein the control means changes its control on the printing apparatus according to a result of the detection by the detecting means.~~

2. (Currently amended) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the print head is removable from the carriage and a replacing position for attaching

or detaching the print head or an ink tank for feeding ink to the print head is arranged at a position overlying a feeding path of the print medium. ~~further including a carriage for carrying and moving the print head;~~

~~wherein the control means controls a position of the carriage according to the result of the detection by the detecting means.~~

3. (Currently amended) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 2,
wherein said control means prohibits the movement of the carriage to the replacing position when said detecting portion detects that said tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus.

~~wherein the print head is removably mounted on the carriage; and~~

~~wherein, when the detecting means detects that the tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus, the control means prohibits the carriage from moving to a replacement position where the print head can be mounted to or dismounted from the carriage.~~

Claim 4 (cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) A printing method for printing on a print medium with a print head, comprising the steps of:

removably mounting to a printing apparatus a tray guide that supports a tray on which the print medium is placed so that the tray can be fed;

detecting whether or not the tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus by a detecting ~~means~~ portion; and

~~changing a control on the printing apparatus by a control unit according to a result of the detection by the detecting means~~ limiting the movement of the carriage which carries the print head when the detecting portion detects that the tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus.

6. (New) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 3, further comprising a cover member which rotates to expose the carriage to the exterior, wherein opening of said cover member causes the carriage to move to the replacing position.

7. (New) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein an error alarm occurs when said control means limits the movement of the carriage independently from the opening of said cover member.

8. (New) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein following the error alarm, closing of said cover member, detachment of said tray guide from the printing apparatus and re-opening of said cover member, said carriage moves to the replacing position.

9. (New) A printing apparatus for printing on a print medium with a print head, comprising:

a tray on which to place the print medium;

a tray guide removably mounted to the printing apparatus to support said tray so that said tray can be fed;

a detecting portion for detecting whether or not said tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus; and

an auto-feeder for feeding a sheet material to the print head,

wherein said tray guide feeds said tray when said detecting portion detects that said tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus, and said auto-feeder feeds the sheet material when said detecting portion detects that no tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus.